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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: EGYPT AND SOUTH KOREA

1. NEW SOUTH KOREAN CONSUL GENERAL, AMBASSADOR HAHM, PAID COURTESY CALL ON ME TODAY. HE HAS BEEN IN CAIRO FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS AND PLANS TO RETURN TO SEOUL NEXT SATURDAY FOR TEN DAYS CONSULTATIONS. HE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET LATER TODAY WITH MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD. THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING WITH EGYPTIANS.

2. ACCORDING TO HAHM, HE WILL ADVISE RIAD THAT SOUTH KOREA ACCEPTS " IN PRINCIPLE" GOE'S EARLIER OFFER TO MEDIATE BETWEEN SOUTH KOREA AND NORTH KOREA, PROVIDED EGYPT AGREES TO THREE "CONDITIONS". SPECIFICALLY, (A) SINCE GOE'S FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN "TILTED" TOWARD NORTH KOREA, IT MUST RECTIFY THIS SITUATION BY SOME BALANCED ACTION WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH KOREA; (B) GOE SHOULD AGREE TO ELEVATION OF SOUTH KOREAN CONSULATE GENERAL TO EMBASSY LEVEL SO THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA ARE ON EQUAL BASIS IN CAIRO; AND (C) GOE SHOULD ARRANGE TO SEND OFFICIALS AND OTHER EGYPTIAN TO SOUTH KOREA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COUNTRY AND IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE CONSIDERABLE EGYPTIAN VISITATIONS TO NORTH KOREA.
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HAHM INDICATED THAT HE HAD WRITTEN HIS FOREIGN MINISTER

LAST WEEK TO ADVISE SEOUL OF THE LINE HE PROPOSES TO
TAKE.

3. HAHM RECOGNIZES THAT HIS TASK IN CAIRO WILL NOT BE
EASY AND THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE A DISTINCT
ADVANTAGE BECAUSE OF THE MILITARY SPARE PARTS ARRANGEMENT THEY
HAVE WITH GOE. HE SAYS HE IS PREPARED TO BE PATIENT AND TO DO
WHAT HE CAN TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

4. I TOLD HAHM OF OUR EFFORTS WITH GOE TO GET IT TO
ADOPT A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH KOREA AND
ASSURED HIM WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.
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